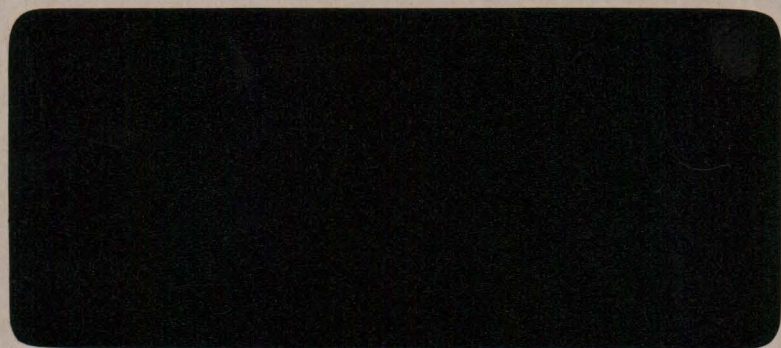


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Jan. 1st., 1865 - Sunday

New Creek. Clear and cold. Had a snow to cover the ground last night. 22nd. Pa. Cal. & 6th. Va. Cal. & a Ky. Bat. & Bat. H are at this post. Cold as usual. I am very anxious to see my wife.

Jan. 2nd., 1865 - Monday

Cold & Clear. Wrote home. Sent by \_\_\_\_\_ Cannon and Roby. Not well. Sent letter from Matt. home.

Jan. 3rd., 1865 - Tuesday

Cold & Cloudy. Rec'd of Jno. Hughes \$47.00. Paid for boots. Answer to letter from home. No news of interest. Jno. Hughes' wife had a baby.

Jan. 4., 1865 - Wednesday

Cold. Wrote to Mr. Carrol & sent to Cumberland. Sent letter home by Cannon. Head from home by Cannon. All Well. Sent tumblers & glasses home. Gold watch for 12.\$ to J. Michael. Rec'd 2 letters from home.

Jan. 5, 1865 - Thursday

Moderate. Wrote home, sent by Jas. Sulser. Sent a pass for wife to come in. Sent tobacco to home & brought a horse of R. A. Sent him to Headsville. Keep a few days. Sent letter by Mrs. Tucker. At night very sick. Vomited.

Jan. 6, 1865 - Friday

Moderate, rainy. Sent letter by Geo Haggerty for wife to meet me the 10th. or 11th. at Mrs. Hull's. Sent pony home by Haggerty. Paid one dollar for same.

Jan. 7th., 1865 - Saturday

Snowy & very misty. Rec'd a letter from D. Z. Purgit. No news of int. Freezing cold at night.

Jan. 8th., 1865 - Sunday

New Creek. Cold as blazes early in the morning. Clear & sunshine. Remained in office all day. A dull Sunday. Thought of home very often.



Jan 1st. 1893 - Sunday

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1965 - 1966

Jan. 4. 1865 - Wednesday

Jan. 5, 1965 - Thursday

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Jan. 7th., 1885 - Saturday

Jan. 8th. 1865 - Sunday



Jan. 9, 1865 - Monday

Moderate. Nice. Sunshine. Still at Old New Creek. In. Po. Office. No news of inst. 12'o'clock very cloudy.

Jan. 10, 1865 - Tuesday

New Creek. Rainy. Rained all last night. Sleeting & bad traveling. Thunder & lightening in the evening & rained in torrents. Warm in evening & turned very cold at night.

Jan. 11, 1865 - Wednesday

Purgitsville. At home. Moderate. Rode H. Trout's horse home. Staid at home.

Jan. 12, 1865 - Thursday

At home. Went to Arch Shoemaker's with wife. Staid there until 9 o'clock P. M. Then went to gran. Shoemaker's all night. Moderate weather.

Jan. 13, 1865 - Friday

At home. Went to Dave Hoffman's with wife & his daughter. Went to Wm. H. Shoemaker's with wife. Stayed all night.

Jan. 14, 1865 - Saturday

At Wm. H. Shoemaker's. Cold & blustery. Want to go to New Creek. Came to Ridgeville. Stayed at Mrs. Hull's.

Jan. 15, 1865 - Sunday

New Creek. Arrived at New Creek. Found all O. K. Moderate.

Jan. 16, 1865 - Monday

New Creek. Cold. Gen. Sheridan was at this place today. No news of int. Wrote to the boys.

Jan. 17, 1865 - Tuesday

New Creek. Cold. Not very well. No news of interest. News of the Fort Fisher capture. Last of 6th. Va. Cavalry left for Sandy Hook.

Jan. 18, 1865 - Wednesday

New Creek. Moderate. Wrote to Jos. Pancake for corn. Sent by James Parsons.

Jan. 19, 1865 - Thursday

New Creek. Very cold. Cooler than usual. Rec'd a letter from home by H. Sulser. Not so well at home. Snowed at night.



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Jan. 18, 1885 - Thursday

James Parsons.  
New Creek. Moderate. Wrote to Jos. Parsons for comm. Sent by

Jan. 18, 1885 - Wednesday

Fisher capture. Last of 8th Va. Cavalry left for Sandy Hook.  
New Creek. Cold. Not very well. No news of interest. News of the Fort

Jan. 17, 1885 - Tuesday

int. Wrote to the boys.  
New Creek. Cold. Gen. Sheridan was at this place today. No news of

Jan. 16, 1885 - Monday

New Creek. Arrived at New Creek. Found all O. K. Moderate

Jan. 15, 1885 - Sunday

Came to Ridgeville. Stayed at Mrs. Hall's.  
At Mr. H. Shoemaker's. Cold & blizzard. Went to go to New Creek.

Jan. 14, 1885 - Saturday

Mr. H. Shoemaker's with wife. Stayed all night.  
At home. Went to Dave Hoffman's with wife & his daughter. Went to

Jan. 13, 1885 - Friday

9 o'clock P. M. Then went to farm. Shoemaker's all night. Moderate weather.  
At home. Went to Arch Shoemaker's with wife. Staid there until

Jan. 12, 1885 - Thursday

at home.  
Purpittsville. At home. Moderate. Rode to Trout's horse home. Staid

Jan. 11, 1885 - Wednesday

& turned very cold at night.  
Thunder & lightning in the evening & rained in morning. Warm in evening.  
New Creek. Rainy. Rained all day night. Sleeting & had traveling.

Jan. 10, 1885 - Tuesday

No news of interest. 12 o'clock very cloudy.  
Moderate. Nice. Sunshiny. Still at Old New Creek. In P. M. office.

Jan. 9, 1885 - Monday



Jan. 20, 1865 - Friday -

New Creek. Cold morning. Clear to warm at 10 o'clock. Wrote home by Sulser. Jno. Little came home last night. A high., Mart Sulser, Adam Sulser & E. High was capt. (captured).

Jan. 21, 1865 - Saturday

New Creek. Cloudy & sleeting. No news of int.

Jan. 22, 1865 - Sunday

N. Creek. Went to Alkirs. Spent several hours. Drank apple jack.

Jan. 23, 1865 - Monday

New Creek. Raining & sleeting. Wrote to Bets, Simpson to come over. No news of int. Paid T. B. Davis 18.00\$ for Mrs. Davis.

Jan. 24, 1865 - Tuesday

New Creek. Cold & squally. No news of int. Cold, very cold.

Jan. 25, 1865 - Wednesday

New Creek. Cold & clear. Got my watch from Cumberland. Pd \$1.50 for same. No news from home. Rec'd a letter from home. Mr. Carroll died yesterday.

Jan. 26, 1865 - Thursday

New Creek. Cold as blazes. Sent letter by Shoemaker home. Also gears, etc. Sent Mrs. Van sugar, etc.

Jan. 27, 1865 - Friday

New Creek. Cold as usual. No news of int. Exceedingly dull.

Jan. 28,,1865 - Saturday

Cold, cold. Nothing of int. Still at New Creek and very anxious to see wife, the object of my affection.

Jan. 29, 1865 - Sunday

New Creek. Cold. Went to Hughes' Took some good gin. Jake & myself.

Jan. 30, 1865 - Monday

New Creek. Moderate. Clear. No news of int.

Jan. 31, 1865 - Tuesday

New Creek Station. Moderate. Edward Taylor has moved to H. Huffman's. My wife came down.



My wife came down.  
New Creek Station, Hobart, Edward Taylor has moved to H. Hufman's.

Jan. 31, 1965 - Tuesday

New Creek, Hobart. Clear. No news of int.

Jan. 30, 1965 - Monday

New Creek, Cold. Went to Hughes. Took some good film. Jake & myself.

Jan. 29, 1965 - Sunday

Cold cold. Nothing of int. Still at New Creek and very anxious to see wife, the object of my affection.

Jan. 28, 1965 - Saturday

New Creek. Cold as usual. No news of int. Exceedingly dull.

Jan. 27, 1965 - Friday

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Jan. 26, 1965 - Thursday

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Jan. 25, 1965 - Wednesday

New Creek. Cold & usually. No news of int. Cold, very cold.

Jan. 24, 1965 - Tuesday

New Creek. Raining & clearing. Wrote to Betty, Simpson to come over. No news of int. Paid T. B. Davis \$2.00 for Mrs. Davis.

Jan. 23, 1965 - Monday

New Creek. Went to Alkina. Spent several hours. Frank apple jack.

Jan. 22, 1965 - Sunday

New Creek. Cloudy & clearing. No news of int.

Jan. 21, 1965 - Saturday

New Creek. Cold morning. Clear to warm at 10 o'clock. Wrote home by Salsar. The little came home last night. A high. Went Salsar, Adam Salsar & E. High was capt. (captured).

Jan. 20, 1965 - Friday



Feb. 1st., 1865 - Wednesday

New Creek. Moderate. No news of int. Had my tooth pulled by Dr. Horn.

Feb. 2, 1865 - Thursday

New Creek. Sick with sore throat. My wife with me. Moderate.

Feb. 3, 1865 - Friday

New Creek. Still sick. Throat very sore. Taining. Liller shot VanFleet.

Feb. 4, 1865 - Saturday

Moderate. All quiet. My wife still here.

Feb. 5, 1865 - Sunday

New Creek. Cold. Spent the day pleasantly with my wife.

Feb. 6, 1865 - Monday

New Creek. Moderate. Heard of the capture of Gillmore and the killing of Capt. Stump.

Feb. 7, 1865 - Tuesday

New Creek. Snowing, cold. Not well. Dull all day.

Feb. 8, 1865 - Wednesday

New Creek. Not well. My wife still here.

Feb. 9, 1865 - Thursday

New Creek. Cold. Snow, 9 inches deep. Paid Col. Dayton note of \$41.06 & interest for father.

Feb. 10, 1865 - Friday

New Creek. Cold & rainy. Pd. \$16.00 for coat. No news of int. Wife still here.

Feb. 11, 1865 - Saturday

New Creek. Moderate. No news of Federals and not make much at or near Richmond.

Feb. 12, 1865 - Sunday

New Creek. Very cold and blowy, very. Paid Hughes and \_\_\_\_\_ 28.\$  
Cold. Cold.

Feb. 13, 1865 - Monday

New Creek. Cold. No news of int.



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Feb. 12 1885 - Monday

Cold. Cold. New Creek. Very cold and blowy. Very. Paid money and 28.2

Feb. 11 1885 - Sunday

Richmond. New Creek. Moderate. No news of int. and not take much at or near

Feb. 11 1885 - Saturday

Still here. New Creek. Cold & rainy. 24. 015.00 for coal. No news of int. Wife

Feb. 10 1885 - Friday

8 interest for father. New Creek. Cold. Snow. 3 inches deep. Paid Col. Dayton note of \$41.00

Feb. 9 1885 - Thursday

New Creek. Not well. My wife still here.

Feb. 8 1885 - Wednesday

New Creek. Snowing. Cold. Not well. Dull all day.

Feb. 7 1885 - Tuesday

Killing of Capt. Stump. New Creek. Moderate. Heard of the capture of Gilmore and the

Feb. 6 1885 - Monday

New Creek. Cold. Spent the day pleasantly with my wife.

Feb. 5 1885 - Sunday

Moderate. All quiet. My wife still here.

Feb. 4 1885 - Saturday

New Creek. Still sick. Throat very sore. Johnny, Miller, and Vanhook.

Feb. 3 1885 - Friday

New Creek. Sick with sore throat. My wife with me. Moderate.

Feb. 2 1885 - Thursday

New Creek. Moderate. No news of int. and my tooth pulled by Dr. Hays.

Feb. 1st 1885 - Wednesday



Feb. 14, 1865 - Tuesday

New Creek. Cold early. Nice after. Hard frozen. Home all well. Sent letters to Kingwood.

Feb. 15, 1865 - Wednesday

New Creek. Snowing. Wife went home. Went with her to Jno. Arnold's. Granville Shoemaker went with her home. No news of int.

Feb. 16, 1865 - Thursday

New Creek. Warm & cloudy. No news of int.

Feb. 17, 1865 - Friday

New Creek. Calm & prospect of a nice day. J. Hughes, Babb & Co. rec'd their goods. Noon, snowing rapidly. Melting as it falls. Wrote to the boys.

Feb. 18, 1865 - Saturday

New Creek. Moderate. Rec'd letter from home. All well. Sent letter home by Nan J. Taylor. All quiet at home. No news of int.

Feb. 19, 1865 - Sunday

New Creek. Warm. Went to Mrs. Mahews (mayhew's). Had head ache. Saw a lot of Rebel prisoners going on exchange.

Feb. 20, 1865 - Monday

New Creek. Cold but clear. Prospect of warm day.

Feb. 21, 1865 - Tuesday

New Creek. Cold early in morning. Warm afternoon. Gen. Kelley & Crooks captured at Cumberland this A. M. by McNeil's Rangers. I am sick with headache.

Feb. 22, 1865 - Wednesday

New Creek. Moderate, cloudy. Jno. Hoffman brought in a prisoner, I got him released. Taylor's horse captured. Have headache. Took salts.

Feb. 23, 1865 - Thursday

New Creek. Cloudy and warm. Wrote home by Jno Hoffman. Wrote home also by Elijah Taylor. Got his horse.

Feb. 24, 1865 - Friday

New Creek. Nice and warm. Sent 100.\$ to Greenville, registered by express. Pa came from home. Bro't me a letter.



Feb. 14, 1965 - Tuesday

New Creek. Cold rainy. Nice after. Hard frozen. Home all well.  
Sent letters to Kinwood.

Feb. 15, 1965 - Wednesday

New Creek. Snowing. Wife went home. Went with her to Jno. Arnold's.  
Greenville Shoemaker went with her home. No news of int.

Feb. 16, 1965 - Thursday

New Creek. Warm & cloudy. No news of int.

Feb. 17, 1965 - Friday

New Creek. Gail's prospect of a nice day. J. Hughes, Ed & Co.  
rec'd their goods. Noon, snowing rapidly. Nothing as it falls. Wrote  
to the boys.

Feb. 18, 1965 - Saturday

New Creek. Moderate. Rec'd letter from home. All well. Sent  
letter home by Sam J. Taylor. All quiet at home. No news of int.

Feb. 19, 1965 - Sunday

New Creek. Warm. Went to Mrs. Mathews (Taylor's). Had head ache. Saw  
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Feb. 20, 1965 - Monday

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got him released. Taylor's horse captured. Wife headache. Took salts.

Feb. 23, 1965 - Thursday

New Creek. Cloudy and warm. Wrote home by Jno Hoffman. Wrote home  
also by Elijah Taylor. Got his horse.

Feb. 24, 1965 - Friday

New Creek. Nice and warm. Sent 10¢ to Greenville registered by  
express. Pa came from home. Broc ma's letter.



Feb. 25, 1865 - Saturday

New Creek. Cloudy. Sent a letter home by Pa. No news of int.

Feb. 26, 1865 - Sunday

New Creek. Warm winter. High, dull Sunday. Some day would like being home once. No news of int.

Feb. 27, 1865 - Monday

New Creek Moderately warm. Do not feel very well. Anxious to go home.

Feb. 28, 1865 - Tuesday

New Creek. Sick. Took salts. Slept none last night. Warm & very muddy. Feel badly all over. Evening feel no better. Anxious to go home Miss the attention of my dear wife.

March 1st., 1865 - Wednesday

New Creek. Warm. Cloudy. Do not feel much better. No news of int. Would like very much to go home.

March 2, 1865 - Thursday

Grafton. Raining and warm. Saw Col. L. Had a confederate vissator. Found him to be a nice gentleman.

March 3rd., 1865 - Friday

New Creek. Raining & warmer. high water. Feel some better. No news of int. Very muddy & disagreeable. No news from home.

March 4, 1865 - Saturday

New Creek Clear & windy. Moderate. Mud drying up. Fear South & North giving no passes.

March 5, 1865 - Sunday

New Creek. Clear & moderate. Lonesome & homesick. Miserable, dull day. In office all day with Myers & Jas. Trout.

March 6, 1865 - Monday.

New Creek. Moderate, clear. Prospect of a nice day. Headaches like Boston. No passes given. Would like to go home.

March 7, 1865 - Tuesday

New Creek. Went to Warner Taylor's Staid there all day and night.

March 8, 1865 - Wednesday.

At home. Some better. Rode D. Taylor's horse to E. High's. Sent it back by Ed. Taylor.



Feb. 29, 1965 - Saturday

New Creek. Cloudy. Sent a letter home by mail. No news of late.

Feb. 28, 1965 - Sunday

New Creek. Warm. Windy. High. Dull. Sunday. Some say would like being home once. No news of late.

Feb. 27, 1965 - Monday

New Creek. Moderately warm. Do not feel very well. Anxious to go home.

Feb. 26, 1965 - Tuesday

New Creek. Wind. Took early. Slept none last night. Warm & very sunny. Feel badly all over. Evening feel no better. Anxious to go home. Miss the attention of my dear wife.

March 1st, 1965 - Wednesday

New Creek. Warm. Cloudy. Do not feel much better. No news of late. Would like very much to go home.

March 2, 1965 - Thursday

Griffin. Rainy and warm. Saw Col. L. Had a comfortable visitor. Found him to be a nice gentleman.

March 3rd, 1965 - Friday

New Creek. Rainy & warmer. High water. Feel some better. No news of late. Very much & dissatisfied. No news from home.

March 4, 1965 - Saturday

New Creek. Clear & sunny. Moderate. Mud drying up. Joan Jones & North giving no passage.

March 5, 1965 - Sunday

New Creek. Clear & moderate. Some sun. Moderate. Dull day. In office all day with James & Jas. Trout.

March 6, 1965 - Monday

New Creek. Moderate. Clear. Prospects of a nice day. Hostilities like Boston. No passage given. Would like to go home.

March 7, 1965 - Tuesday

New Creek. Went to Warner Taylor's State there all day and night.

March 8, 1965 - Wednesday

New Creek. Some better. Robt D. Taylor's house to E. High's. Sent it back by Ed. Taylor.



March 9, 1865 - Thursday

At Shoemaker's. Staid with Geo. He is much better.

March 10, 1865 - Friday

Purgitsville. Moderate. Spent my time very pleasantly. Went to James Liller's Staid there all night.

March 11, 1865 - Saturday

At Oliver Liller's with my wife. Moderately warm. No news of int.

March 12, 1865 - Sunday

New Creek. Arrived at this place. Found all O. K. Do not feel well. My wife went back from Ridgeville.

March 13, 1865 - Monday

New Creek. Warm. Clear. Do not feel very well. No news of int.

March 14, 1865 - Tuesday

New Creek. Warmer & nice. No news of int. Blockade still on. Scouts sent out in country. Col. Greenfield came. Sent letter home by Taylor, etc.

March 15, 1865 - Wednesday

New Creek. Raining & warm. Pd. Mrs. Davis 10.\$. Afternoon clear and warm. No news of int.

March 16, 1865 - Thursday

New Creek. Cloudy & warm. No news of int. Anxious to hear from home. No news from P.O. affair. Rained in torrents & high water in the evening.

March 17, 1865 - Friday

New Creek. Clear & moderately cold. Windy. Rec'd. a letter from home by Fuller, No news of int.

March 18, 1865 - Saturday

New Creek. Windy & clear. Do not feel very well. Worse than usual. Sent letter & papers to Ridgeville to go home by Harry Lynn.

March 19, 1865 - Sunday

New Creek. Clear & moderately warm. Very dull and lonesome. Home sick. News very good. Sheridan a trump.

March 20, 1865 - Monday

New Creek. Warm & clear. Rec'd a letter from home. My headaches badly & my eyes hurt. No news of int.



March 9, 1885 - Thursday

At Shoemaker's. Staid with Geo. He is much better.

March 10, 1885 - Friday

James Miller's Staid there all night. Moderately. Spent my time very pleasantly. Went to

March 11, 1885 - Saturday

At Oliver Miller's with my wife. Moderately warm. No news of int.

March 12, 1885 - Sunday

New Creek. Arrived at this place. Found all O. K. Do not feel well. My wife went back from Ridgeville.

March 13, 1885 - Monday

New Creek. Warm. Clear. Do not feel very well. No news of int.

March 14, 1885 - Tuesday

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March 15, 1885 - Wednesday

New Creek. Raining & warm. P.M. Mrs. Davis 10.0. Afternoon clear and warm. No news of int.

March 16, 1885 - Thursday

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March 18, 1885 - Saturday

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March 19, 1885 - Sunday

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March 20, 1885 - Monday

New Creek. Warm & clear. Rec'd a letter from home. My headache badly & my eyes hurt. No news of int.



March 21, 1865 - Tuesday

New Creek. Clear & warm. Feel some better. No news of int. Good news what is. Sent to Cumberland on important business.

March 22, 1865 - Wednesday

Cumberland. Cloudy & tolerable. Had it very lucky. Find lots of friends. Do not feel much afraid in P. O. affairs. Came back to New Creek on train.

March 23, 1865 - Thursday

New Creek. Occasional showers. Warm. Sent letter home by Ed. Taylor. No news of int. Very successful with matters pertaining to P. O. affairs, etc.

March 24, 1865 - Friday

New Creek. Cold & stormy. Snow squalls. No news of int. Sent recommendations off last night. Anxious to hear from home.

March 25, 1865 - Saturday

New Creek. Cold & cloudy. Sent letter <sup>and</sup> to Harper's Monthly home by Samuel Fuller. Fred High & Jack was shot day before yesterday by some Confederates.

March 26, 1865 - Sunday

New Creek. Cold & blustery. Lonesome. Stayed at office all day with Jake & Jno.

March 27, 1865 - Monday

New Creek. Clear & cold. Looks like it might be warm. Will move Post Office today. Moved down to Mr. Leps' etc. Heard of death of Geo. Shoemaker who was buried last Friday.

March 28, 1865 - Tuesday

New Creek. Clear & warm. Heard from home by E. Hoffman. Sent letters & passes by him. Also a number of letters by him. Nice weather. Home sick.

March 29, 1865 - Wednesday

New Creek. Clear & warm. No news of int. Considerable fighting around Richmond. Federals victorious.

March 30, 1865 - Thursday

New Creek. Raining & warm. No news of int. Sent Mrs. Simpson's papers off last night. Paid Adams \$1.75 for said Simpson. Train captured near Patterson Creek.

March 31, 1865 - Friday

New Creek. Cloudy. Rained very hard last night. Afternoon cold & windy. No news of int. Peace rumors prevalent.



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March 31, 1965 - Friday

New Creek, Raining & warm. No news of int. Sent Mrs. Simpson's papers off last night. Paid Adams \$1.75 for card Simpson. Train captured near Patterson Creek.

March 30, 1965 - Thursday

New Creek, Clear & warm. No news of int. Considerable lightning around Richmond. Federalists victorious.

March 29, 1965 - Wednesday

New Creek, Clear & warm. Heard from home by E. Hoffman. Sent letters & passes by him. Also a number of letters by him. Nice weather. Home sick.

March 28, 1965 - Tuesday

New Creek, Clear & cold. Looks like it might be warm. Will move Post Office today. Moved down to the lake's edge. Heard of death of Geo. Shoemaker who was buried last Friday.

March 27, 1965 - Monday

New Creek, Cold & blizzardy. Jameson. Stayed at office all day with Jake & Ans.

March 26, 1965 - Sunday

New Creek, Cold & cloudy. Sent letter to Harper's Monthly home by Samuel Fuller. From High & Jack was shot day before yesterday by some Confederate.

March 25, 1965 - Saturday

New Creek, Cold & stormy. Snow squalls. No news of int. Sent recommendations off last night. Intention to leave from home.

March 24, 1965 - Friday

New Creek, Occasional showers. Warm. Sent letter home by Ed Taylor. No news of int. Very successful with matters pertaining to P. O. affairs, etc.

March 23, 1965 - Thursday

New Creek, Cloudy & tolerable. Had it very lucky. Find lots of friends. Do not feel much excited in P. O. affairs. Came back to New Creek on train.

March 22, 1965 - Wednesday

New Creek, Clear & warm. Feel some better. No news of int. Good news what is. Sent to Cumberland on important business.

March 21, 1965 - Tuesday



April 1st., 1865 - Saturday

New Creek. Clear & warm. Rec'd a letter from home by Granville Shoemaker. All well. Arch V.'s house was burned today by Federals. Sent letter home by Shoe.

April 2, 1865 - Sunday

New Creek. Clear and nice. Warm. Dull. Sonesome. Spent day by myself.

April 3, 1865 - Monday

New Creek. Cloudy and tolerable warm. Two companies of volunteers goes to Cumberland. Richmond gone up.

April 4, 1865 - Tuesday

New Creek. Cloudy & drisly. Only moderately warm. News of fall of Richmond confirmed. Sent letter & passes to Ridgeville by H. Trout.

April 5, 1865 - Wednesday

New Creek. Warm. Sent letter to Whip's Sale for Granville & wife. News still that Richmond is captured & Grant in persuit of the Confederates.

April 6, 1865 - Thursday

New Creek. Cloudy & rain last night. Rec'd a letter from home. No news of int. At night good news in the papers.

April 7, 1865 - Friday

New Creek. Cloudy & chilly. Heard from home by Elijah Hoffman. Sent letter home by Hoffman and several papers.

April 8, 1865 - Saturday

New Creek. Clear & chilly. Good news from armies. Lee surrendered. 200 wagons captured & 6 general E-----, etc. Pa and Nash come to see me. Rec'd letter from wife, etc.

April 9, 1865 - Sunday

New Creek. Cloudy. Pa & Nash went home. SEnt letter to wife & other articles. Spent day very pleasantly with Myers, Alkire & John Mydinger & etc. Cloudy & chilly in evening.

April 10, 1865 - Monday

New Creek. Cloudy. News confirmed of surrender of Lee and his Army. Great rejoicing in the place. All drunk & number of speeches delivered. Maj. Work, Troxwell & others.



April 1st, 1863 - Saturday

New Creek. Cloudy & warm. Rec'd a letter from home by Greenville's shoe-maker, Al. Wells. Arch V's house was burned today by Federalists. Sent letter home by shoe.

April 2nd, 1863 - Sunday

New Creek. Cloudy and nice. Warm. Dull. Some snow. Spent day by myself.

April 3rd, 1863 - Monday

New Creek. Cloudy and tolerable warm. Two companies of volunteers sent to Charleston. Richmond came up.

April 4th, 1863 - Tuesday

New Creek. Cloudy & chilly. Only moderately warm. News of fall of Richmond confirmed. Sent letter & passed to Richmond by H. Irons.

April 5th, 1863 - Wednesday

New Creek. Warm. Sent letter to Al. Wells for Greenville's wife. News still that Richmond is captured & water in hands of the Confederates.

April 6th, 1863 - Thursday

New Creek. Cloudy & rain last night. Rec'd a letter from home. No news or int. At night good news in the papers.

April 7th, 1863 - Friday

New Creek. Cloudy & chilly. Went from home by Elijah Hoffman. Sent letter home by Hoffman and several papers.

April 8th, 1863 - Saturday

New Creek. Cloudy & chilly. Good news from England. See correspondence. 300 wagons captured & General F. sent. Pa and Nash come to see me. Rec'd letter from wife.

April 9th, 1863 - Sunday

New Creek. Cloudy. No wind from home. Sent letter to wife & other articles. Spent day very pleasantly with Aunt Alice & John Hylander & son. Cloudy & chilly in evening.

April 10th, 1863 - Monday

New Creek. Cloudy. News confirmed of surrender of Lee and his Army. Celebrating in the place. All drank & number of speeches delivered. Mr. Work, Maxwell & others.



April 11, 1865 - Tuesday

New Creek. Cloudy & warm. Dull. All stupid. Day passed very quietly. Rained at night.

April 12, 1865 - Wednesday

New Creek. Cloudy & warm. Robert Sheetz came in and gave himself up. Very nice day. Heard from home by Granville Shoemaker. Home all well.

April 13, 1865 - Thursday

New Creek. Chilly. Sent letter home & papers by Granville Shoemaker. News favorable. General opinion that the war is over. God grant it.

April 14, 1865 - Friday

New Creek. Clear, frost. News of Lynchburg surrender to U. S. forces. President Abe Lincoln murdered at Ford's Theater 9:50 P.M.

April 15, 1865 - Saturday

New Creek. Rainy. News confirmed of death of President. Also Seward assassinated & one of his sons, etc. Gloom over the whole North.

April 16, 1865 - Sunday

New Creek. Windy & clear. Dull day. People much depressed upon death of President.

April 17, 1865 - Monday

New Creek. Clear & bright. No news. Rec'd a letter from wife by Mrs. Hoffman. All quiet up our way.

April 18, 1865 - Tuesday

New Creek. Clear & warm. Sent letter home by Mrs. Hoffman & goods. No news of interest. Rebels at Petersburg. Supposed to be McNeill's forces.

April 19, 1865 - Wednesday

New Creek. Clear & nice. President Abe Lincoln's funeral today. Solemnity prevails. News generally good. Beautiful day. Stores closed. Post Office also closed.

April 20, 1865 - Thursday

New Creek. Cloudy & rains some. Capt. McNemar came in under flag of truce for purpose of surrendering some of his men. No news of interest. Anxious to hear from home.



April 11, 1865 - Tuesday

New Creek, Cloudy & warm, hail all night. Rain passed very quietly.  
Rained at night.

April 12, 1865 - Wednesday

New Creek, Cloudy & warm. Robert Shearer came in and gave himself a  
very nice day. Heard from home by Granville Shoemaker. Home all well.

April 13, 1865 - Thursday

New Creek, Chilly. Sent letter home & papers by Granville Shoemaker.  
News favorable. General opinion that the war is over. Got quiet in.

April 14, 1865 - Friday

New Creek, Clear, frost. News of Lynchburg forwarded to N. S. Foster.  
President and Lincoln made at Ford's Theatre 9:30 P.M.

April 15, 1865 - Saturday

New Creek, Rainy. News continued at birth of resistance. Also Oswald  
assassinated & one of his sons shot. Clock over the whole world.

April 16, 1865 - Sunday

New Creek, Windy & clear. Dull day. People were agitated upon death  
of President.

April 17, 1865 - Monday

New Creek, Clear & bright. No snow. Wind from west by  
last storm. All quiet up our way.

April 18, 1865 - Tuesday

New Creek, Cloudy & warm. Sent letter home by Fred Hoffman & good.  
No news of interest. Heard at Petersburg. Reported to be Lincoln's funeral.

April 19, 1865 - Wednesday

New Creek, Clear & mild. President and Lincoln's funeral today.  
Solemnity prevails. News generally good. Beautiful day. Storms closed.  
Post Office also closed.

April 20, 1865 - Thursday

New Creek, Cloudy & rainier some. Last. Storm came in under flag of  
truce for purpose of surrendering some of his men. No news of interest.  
Anxious to hear from home.



April 21, 1865 - Friday

New Creek. Cloudy & warm. Troops went to Petersburg to receive the surrender of a lot of Confederates.

April 22, 1865 - Saturday

New Creek. Clear. No news of int. Rec'd two letters from home, one by Jno High & one by Jno. Taylor. Went to Warner Taylor's with H. D. Hoffman.

April 23, 1865 - Sunday

New Creek. Cloudy. Cold. Came from Warner Taylor's. Sent 50.\$ paid by Jas. ARnold to Pa to pay Ludwick on land.

April 24, 1865 - Monday

New Creek. Clear.. No news of int. C. Hoffman took oath. Went home. Capt. M. Scott & others came to Arnold's under flag of truce. Did not come on to us at this writing.

April 25, 1865 - Tuesday

New Creek. Clear & very warm. Sent letter home & papers by C. Hoffman. No news from Sherman. Does not satisfy the people. Blockade raised.

April 26, 1865 - Wednesday

New Creek. Clear, Warm. Mrs. J. D. Henderson came. Sent her up to Arnold's Paid 1\$ on trunk. Also 50 cts. for hauling same to A. Sent her 10.\$ Scouts went to Moorefield & Petersburg.

April 27, 1865 - Thursday

New Creek. Clear & warm. All quiet. Rec'd. letters from Granville & David. All well. Hughes came back from Balto. News Booth is killed.

April 28, 1865 - Friday

New Creek. Clear & warm. Rec'd letter from home. All well. Capt. Scott & Harness captured & other privates. News of surrender of Johnson.

April 29, 1865 - Saturday

New Creek. Cloudy & rained some. Went home after 2 o'clock P. M. with Haven Marker. Got home 10 o'clock. All quiet.

April 30, 1865 - Sunday

At home. Number of friends came to see me. Went to Hoffman's & Uncle Jno. High's. Luke Bowman came back.

May 1st., 1865 - Monday

Started for New Creek. Got here about 3 o'clock. Found all well. Wrote home by Hershey, Sent s \_\_\_\_\_ flannel, etc.



April 21, 1865 - Friday

New Creek. Cloudy & warm. Troops went to Petersburg to receive the  
surrender of a lot of Confederates.

April 22, 1865 - Saturday

New Creek. Clear. No news of int. Rec'd two letters from home, one  
by the High & one by Mrs. Taylor. Went to Warner Taylor's with L. B. Hoffman

April 23, 1865 - Sunday

New Creek. Cloudy. Cold. Came from Warner Taylor's. Sent 50¢ paid  
by Mrs. Arnold to Pa to pay Laddish on land.

April 24, 1865 - Monday

New Creek. Clear. No news of int. C. Hoffman took out. Went home.  
Capt. M. Scott & others came to Arnold's under flag of truce. Did not come  
on to us at this writing.

April 25, 1865 - Tuesday

New Creek. Clear & very warm. Sent letter home & papers by C. Hoffman.  
No news from Sherman. Does not satisfy the people. Blackbirds raised.

April 26, 1865 - Wednesday

New Creek. Clear, warm. Mrs. J. E. Henderson came. Sent her up to  
Arnold's Paid 15 on trunk. Also 50 cts. for hauling same to A. Sent her 10¢.  
Scouts went to Knoxville & Petersburg.

April 27, 1865 - Thursday

New Creek. Clear & warm. All quiet. Rec'd letters from Granville &  
David. All well. Hughes came back from Cairo. News from John is killed.

April 28, 1865 - Friday

New Creek. Clear & warm. Rec'd letter from home. All well. Capt. Scott &  
Harmes captured & other prisoners. News of surrender of Johnson.

April 29, 1865 - Saturday

New Creek. Cloudy & raining some. Went away after 2 o'clock P. M. with  
Haven Market. Got home 10 o'clock. All quiet.

April 30, 1865 - Sunday

At home. Number of friends came to see me. Went to Hoffman's & Uncle  
Joe. High's Luke Bowman came back.

May 1st, 1865 - Monday

Started for New Creek. Got here about 3 o'clock. Found all well.  
Wrote home by Hetchey. Sent a \_\_\_\_\_ channel, etc.



May 2, 1865 - Tuesday

New Creek. Frost & cool all day. Jno Brown, Jack Markwood & Bowers came in and was pardoned. Sent papers home by Jno Brown.

May 3, 1865 - Wednesday

New Creek. Clear. Wrote home by Alf High & sent papers. No passes required.

May 4, 1865 - Thursday

New Creek. Clear. Gold \$1.40 & .41. No news of int. Cold. Rec'd letter from home by Tirzah Taylor. No news of int.

May 5, 1865 - Friday

New Creek. Cloudy & cold. Gold \$1.39. Note from home by Tirzah. McNeil came in today & surrendered his entire command. No special news.

May 6, 1865 - Saturday

New Creek. Fine rain last night. McNeil's Co. still in town. Gold \$1.38 & .39. No special news. Rec'd a letter from home by H. Sulser. Wrote home by Hershey. Sent rings by same.

May 7, 1865 - Sunday

New Creek. Clear & warm. No news of int. Quite lonesome. Stayed all day in Post Office. Gold \$1.43.

May 8, 1865 - Monday

New Creek. Cloudy. Rained. Gold \$1.44½. Sent goods home by Henry Kelley & Thompson. The mountain unit came in & was pardoned. Also T. Kelley.

May 9, 1865 - Tuesday

New Creek. Raining. Wm. Armstrong died.

May 10, 1865 - Wednesday

New Creek. Cloudy & rained some. E. M. Armstrong came to New Creek. Had an interview with E.M.A. Find him quite communicative.

May 11, 1865 - Thursday

New Creek. Cloudy. Rained last night in torrents. Mr. Armstrong is buried today in Romney. Rec'd. a letter from home. Wrote home by Geo. Haggerty. Cold at night.

May 12, 1865 - Friday

New Creek. Cloudy. No news of int.



May 2, 1965 - Thursday

New Creek. Frost & cool all day. The stream, Jack Harwood & Bowers came in and was paroled. Sent papers home by the stream.

May 3, 1965 - Wednesday

New Creek. Clear. Wrote home by air mail & sent papers. No passes required.

May 4, 1965 - Thursday

New Creek. Clear. Gold \$1.40 & \$1.41. No news of int. Gold \$2.00. Letter from home by Frank Taylor. No news of int.

May 5, 1965 - Friday

New Creek. Cloudy & cold. Gold \$1.37. News from home by Frank. McNeil came in today & surrendered his entire command. No special news.

May 6, 1965 - Saturday

New Creek. Fine rain last night. McNeil's Co. still in town. Gold \$1.38 & \$1.39. No special news. Kild's letter from home by M. Sullivan. Wrote home by Hershey. Sent traps by same.

May 7, 1965 - Sunday

New Creek. Clear & warm. No news of int. Gold \$1.40. Stayed all day in Post Office. Gold \$1.40.

May 8, 1965 - Monday

New Creek. Cloudy. Rained. Gold \$1.41. Sent goods home by Kelly & Thompson. The mountain unit came in & was paroled. Also T. Kelly.

May 9, 1965 - Tuesday

New Creek. Raining. Mr. Armstrong died.

May 10, 1965 - Wednesday

New Creek. Cloudy & rained some. E. L. Armstrong came to New Creek. Had an interview with E. L. A. Find his quite communicative.

May 11, 1965 - Thursday

New Creek. Cloudy. Rained last night in torrents. Mr. Armstrong is buried today in Romney. Red's letter from home. Wrote home by Geo. Hagerty. Cold at night.

May 12, 1965 - Friday

New Creek. Cloudy. No news of int.



May 13, 1865 - Saturday

New Creek. Clear. No mail for 2 days. Started home at 1 o'clock P.M. Landed home at 8 P. M. Paid 85.\$ for horse. Rec'd 80\$ from Hughes.

May 14, 1865 - Sunday

At home. Went to meeting. Took Kate and Jessie there in buggy to Pine Church.

May 15, 1865 - Monday

Came to New Creek. Got dinner at Warner Taylor's. Hated to leave home. Feel lonesome. Old Jeff Davis captured.

May 16, 1865 - Tuesday

New Creek. Clear & very warm. Rec'd a letter & clothes from home. Sent letter & dress shoes and Kate's hat home by Shoemaker's waggon. Also sent horn home for Nash & letter, etc.

May 17, 1865 - Wednesday

New Creek. Clear & very warm. No news of int. Wrote letter & sent photograph. Looks very much like rain in the evening.

May 18, 1865 - Thursday

New Creek. Rain. Sent letter and papers home by Uncle Kno. High. Nice growing weather. All is peace & quiet. Rec'd letter from Sister Martha.

May 19, 1865 - Friday

New Creek. Raining & coldish. No news of importance. Do not hear from home.

May 20, 1865 - Saturday

New Creek. Warm & showery. Meeting held at this place to take steps to organize the county. Sent paper home by Jim High. Fine glorious weather. As usual, Kentucky Batalion paid today.

May 21, 1865 - Sunday

New Creek. Lonesome day. Would like to have been at home. Rains every hour.

May 22, 1865 - Monday

New Creek. Showers. Dull day. No news of int. Jno Hughes went to Balto. Paid Hughes draft for \$42.75.

May 23, 1865 - Tuesday

New Creek. Clear & cool. Wrote home & sent horse by Luke Bowman to Shoemakers for Hughes. Troops sent to Petersburg today.



New Creek. Clear & cool. Wrote home & sent horse by Luke Bowman to Shoemaker for Hughes. Troop sent to Farmington today.

May 22, 1865 - Tuesday

New Creek. Showers. Dull day. No news of int. The Hughes went to Leno.

May 21, 1865 - Monday

New Creek. Lonesome day. Would like to have been at home. Rains every hour.

May 20, 1865 - Sunday

New Creek. Warm & showery. Meeting held at this place to take steps to organize the county. Sent paper home by the night. Fine glorious weather. As usual, Kentucky Metairie paid today.

May 19, 1865 - Saturday

New Creek. Raining & coldish. No news of importance. Do not hear from home.

May 18, 1865 - Friday

New Creek. Rain. Sent letter and papers home by Uncle Wm. High. Nice growing weather. All is peace & quiet. Had letter from Sister Martha.

May 17, 1865 - Thursday

New Creek. Clear & very warm. No news of int. Wrote letter & sent photograph. Looks very much like rain in the evening.

May 16, 1865 - Wednesday

New Creek. Clear & very warm. Had a letter & clothes from home. Sent letter & dress shoes and made's hat home by Shoemaker's wagon. Also sent home horse for cash & letter, etc.

May 15, 1865 - Tuesday

New Creek. Old left Davis returned. Came to New Creek. Got dinner at Walter Taylor's. Hated to leave home.

May 14, 1865 - Monday

At home. Went to meeting. Took Kate and Jessie there in buggy to Pine Church.

May 13, 1865 - Sunday

New Creek. Clear. No mail for 3 days. Started home at 1 o'clock P.M. Landed home at 8 P.M. Paid 25¢ for horse. Had 50¢ from Hughes.

May 12, 1865 - Saturday



May 24, 1865 - Wednesday

New Creek. Clear. Fred Hoffman went home. Note home by Mrs. Fred, etc.

May 25, 1865 - Thursday

New Creek. Clear & warm. Wrote home by Granville Elliot. Sent novel home by Jno. Parel.

May 26, 1865 - Friday

New Creek. Rainy. Saw Jos. C. Pancake. Had quite a chat with him.

May 27, 1865 - Saturday

Nice day. Old Carlisle brot in today a ball & chain put on him. No news of int.

May 28, 1865 - Sunday

New Creek. Clear. Went to Ridgeville & heard Jim Kabrick preach. Had pleasant ride. Took dinner at H. Trouts. Had a nice \_\_\_\_\_ at stone house.

May 29, 1865 - Monday

New Creek. Clear. Wrote home by Jas. Arnold. Rec'd. a letter from home.

May 30, 1865 - Tuesday

New Creek. Clear. No news of int. Do not feel well.

May 31, 1865 - Wednesday

New Creek. Clear. No news. Gold \$1.35. All seems dull.

June 1, 1865 - Thursday.

New Creek. Clear. This day is set apart by President Johnson for prayer, etc. Gold \$1.35. Goods goes to Petersburg for Hughes & Chambers.

June 2, 1865 - Friday

Warm. Very sultry. Pa came down after me. I could not go. Could get no one to stay in office. Mrs. Hughes & Jno. came home.

June 3, 1865 - Saturday

New Creek. Warm. Pa went home. Wrote to wife & sent goods to wife.

June 4, 1865 - Sunday

New Creek. Clear & very warm. J. Henderson went to Moorefield. Sent letter by him to wife. Stay in bed all day. Went to River at night. Wrote to J. K. Statton.



May 24, 1885 - Wednesday

New Creek, Clear. Fred Hoffman went home, Kate home by Mr. Fred, etc.

May 25, 1885 - Thursday

New Creek, Clear & warm. Wrote home by Granville Elliot. Sent novel home by Jno. Farrel.

May 26, 1885 - Friday

New Creek, Rainy. Saw Joe, C. Pannake. Had quite a chat with him.

May 27, 1885 - Saturday

Nice day. Old Capital. Prot in today. A ball & chain put on him. No news of int.

May 28, 1885 - Sunday

New Creek, Clear. Went to Killeville & heard Jim Kadrick preach. Had pleasant ride. Took dinner at R. House. Had a nice at stone house.

May 29, 1885 - Monday

New Creek, Clear. Wrote home by Jas. Arnold. Kate's, a letter from home.

May 30, 1885 - Tuesday

New Creek, Clear. No news of int. Is not feel well.

May 31, 1885 - Wednesday

New Creek, Clear. No news. Gold \$1.35. All seems dull.

June 1, 1885 - Thursday

New Creek, Clear. This day is set apart by President Johnson for prayer, etc. Gold \$1.32. Goods goes to Fairbury for Hughes & Chamberlain.

June 2, 1885 - Friday

Warm. Very sultry. Is came down after me. I could not get. Could get no one to stay in office. Mrs. Hughes & Jno. came home.

June 3, 1885 - Saturday

New Creek, Warm. I went home. Wrote to wife & sent goods to wife.

June 4, 1885 - Sunday

New Creek, Clear & very warm. J. Henderson went to Moorfield. Sent letter by him to wife. Stay in bed all day. Went to River at night. Wrote to J. K. Station.



June 5, 1865 - Monday

New Creek. Very warm. Fred Hoffman came back. No news of interest. A. W. McDonald came back to New Creek. Looks well. Wrote home by Warner. 3000 soldiers went. Rest discharged.

June 6, 1865 - Tuesday

Cloudy. No news of int. Sherman's soldiers here. Rest discharged. Some 3000 went today. Jno Hoffman paid 6.\$ for horn. Sent spoons, knives & forks by Hoffman home.

June 7, 1865 - Wednesday

Clear & warm. Wrote home by J. R. Heiskell. A great many troops passed going west. Feeling amongst the people much better. A man shot in camp tonight. Must die.

June 8, 1865 - Thursday

New Creek. Sprinkled rain. Very warm. No news of int. All is peace & quiet. I am homesick. W. T. High came & brot me a letter from wife. All well at home.

June 9, 1865 - Friday

New Creek. Warm & appearance of rain. Troops still going west. Sent letter home by W. T. High. No news of int. Orders for all prisoners release below Capt. & Major.

June 10, 1865 - Saturday

Rainy & warm. Rec'd a letter from Jno. W. Statton & answered the same. Troops still going west. No news of int. People seem very interested about civil law & all want offices.

June 11, 1865 - Sunday

New Creek. Clear & warm. No news of int. Troops still continue to go west. Col. Greenfield went to Moorefield with six companies of Cavalry U. S.

June 12, 1865 - Monday

New Creek. Clear & warm. No news of int. Do not feel well. Dull day. Troops still going west. Have not heard direct from home. Buck Elliott went west tonight.

June 13, 1865 - Tuesday

New Creek. Cloudy. Saw Sandy White. Looks very seedy. Do not feel much better. Anxious to get home to see my family. Paid A. Kline \$7.60 for sawing planks for yard fence.

June 14, 1865 - Wednesday

New Creek. Cloudy & rained. Jno. R. Heiskell & Col. White came to New Creek. Had a friendly interview with Heiskell. Wrote home by mail boys. No news of int.



June 5, 1965 - Monday

New Creek. Very warm. Fred Hoffman came back. No news of interest.  
A. J. Macdonald came back to New Creek. Looks well. Wrote home by  
Hansen. 3000 soldiers went. Last discharged.

June 6, 1965 - Tuesday

Cloudy. No news of int. Sherman's soldiers here. Last discharged.  
Some 3000 went today. The Hoffman paid 2.5 for home. Sent apocryphal  
knives & forks by Hoffman home.

June 7, 1965 - Wednesday

Clear & warm. Wrote home by J. R. Helakall. A great many troops  
passed going west. Feeling among the people much better. A rat shot  
in camp tonight. That die.

June 8, 1965 - Thursday

New Creek. Splendid rain. Very warm. No news of int. All is  
peace & quiet. Last home for W. T. High came & wrote me a letter  
from wife. All well at home.

June 9, 1965 - Friday

New Creek. Warm & appearance of rain. Troops still going west.  
Sent letter home by W. T. High. No news of int. Orders for all prisoners  
released below camp. A major.

June 10, 1965 - Saturday

Warm & sunny. Rec'd a letter from Jno. W. Station & answered the same.  
Troops still going west. No news of int. People seem very interested  
about civil law & all want officers.

June 11, 1965 - Sunday

New Creek. Clear & warm. No news of int. Troops still coming to  
go west. Col. Greenfield went to Macdonald with six companies of  
Cavalry U. S.

June 12, 1965 - Monday

New Creek. Clear & warm. No news of int. Do not feel well. Bull  
day. Troops still going west. Have not heard direct from home. Buck  
Ellert went tonight.

June 13, 1965 - Tuesday

New Creek. Cloudy. Saw Sandy White. Looks very good. Do not look  
much better. Anxious to get home to see my family. Paid A. Kline \$7.60  
for saving blanks for your tent.

June 14, 1965 - Wednesday

New Creek. Cloudy & rained. Jno. R. Helakall & Col. White came to  
New Creek. Had a friendly interview with Helakall. Wrote home by mail  
boys. No news of int.



June 15, 1865 - Thursday

New Creek. Clear. Pa came after me. No news of int.

June 16, 1865 - Friday

New Creek. Cloudy. Started home with Pa. Went to Zack Arnold's & took dinner. Arrived home about 4 o'clock. Found all well.

June 17, 1865 - Saturday

Home. Clear. Went a hunting. Killed two squirrels. Had them for dinner. T. B. Davis & Deny O'Neal came and stayed all night.

(No entries in the diary from June 18th. to July 6th., 1865)

July 7, 1865 - Friday

Came to New Creek and went to work. Been at home for 3 weeks. Had a baby boy born on the 5th. of July, 1865. Wrote home by Robey. Stage --- then twice a week.

July 8, 1865 - Saturday

Very warm in office. No news of int. The conspirators 4, were hung yesterday. Wrote home & sent paper. Wrote to Gov. last night.

Dec. 25, 1868 - Friday

At Nathan -----tters in Clark County, Ohio. Came to Ohio on 23. Left New Creek on the 22nd. Came after Martha A. Davis.

Dec. 26, 1868 - Saturday

At Marth's in Ohio.

(Entry below this is in a different handwriting)

June 14, 1877 - Thursday

I will bet that you never had the priviledge of again talking to me as though I was a dog or a nigger.



June 15, 1865 - Thursday

New Creek, Clear. Pa. came after me. No news of int.

June 16, 1865 - Friday

New Creek, Cloudy. Started home with Pa. Went to Zack Arnold's & took dinner. Arrived home about 4 o'clock. Found all well.

June 17, 1865 - Saturday

Home, Clear. Went a hunting. Killed two squirrels. Had them for dinner. T. B. Davis & Perry O'Neal came and stayed all night.

(The entries in the diary from June 18th to July 6th, 1865)

July 7, 1865 - Friday

Came to New Creek and went to work. Been at home for a week. Had a baby boy born on the 5th of July, 1865. Wrote home by Robey. Stage --- then twice a week.

July 8, 1865 - Saturday

Very warm in office. No news of int. The conspirators were hung yesterday. Wrote home & sent paper. Wrote to Gov. last night.

Dec. 25, 1865 - Friday

At Nathan's -----tore in Clark County, Ohio. Came to Ohio on 23. Left New Creek on the 22nd. Came after Nathan A. Davis.

Dec. 26, 1865 - Saturday

At Nathan's in Ohio.

(Entry below this is in a different handwriting)

June 14, 1877 - Thursday

I will bet that you never had the privilege of again talking to me as though I was a dog on a higher.



The remaining pages of the diary are used as an account ledger, usually as one person's account to a page and extend from 1864 to 1877.

These accounts seem to be purchases at John Hughes' store, New Creek.

The persons making these purchases were from Hampshire, Hardy, Grant & Mineral Counties, particularly from the communities of Romney, Moorefield, Purgitsville, Ridgeville, Petersburg & Laurel Dale.

New Creek Station was most convenient and nearest railroad station, where shipments of goods could be obtained. Farmers and merchants from the above mentioned counties drove here to buy, sell and exchange goods.

A list of the names in these ledger leaves of the diary is given below:

D. M. Michael - 1865	Isaac Sites - 1877
Sol. Bosley - 1865	Dan C. Sites
Jas. Kline - 1865	Samp G. Sites
Jno. Michael - 1877	Johnathan Sites
Isaac S. Judy - 1877	Henry W. Yankey
Ben B. Swisher - 1877	Christopher Martin
Benj. Brooks - 1877	H. C. Youkim
Benj. F. Martin - 1877	James Kimble
Jno. S. Hiatt - 1877	Geo. Amtower
Jno. Blue	Lem F. Kline - 1877
Isaac Herriott	Sam Rinker
Thos. Roberts - 1876	Stingley Clark - 1877
Geo. W. Doll - 1876	Benj. Grayson
Jacob Evans	John Kitzmiller
Jas. Arnold	John McDonald 1875
James Ours	Jacob Hank
H. Kimell	Geo. W. Buff
	Wm. Johnson

On one of the pages of the diary is written this recipe, perhaps for a cough syrup.

"Teaspoonful Keyenne pepper. Tie in rag. Boiling water - a teacupful. Let stand ten minutes. Then squeeze out, to it add one teaspoonful clorate of potash (potassium chlorate) dissolved. White sugar until lumps dissolve. Spoonful every 4 hours."

Examples of purchases made at store.

½ lb. Indigo	10 yd. Calico, dark for Em. Sulser
3# madder	3 yd. good medium calico for Poling
2 lbs. allum	Sugar 1½ lb.
1 lb. extract Logwood	Red flannel
1 pr. ladies shoes	1 bolt Black B
No. 6 fine. one set	1 ¾ yd. buff gingham, if no
Hoops (medium)	gingham, calico.
Coffee \$1.00	
1½ \$ worth Indigo	
10 yd. mouslin for Gill	
\$4.00 dress for Mag.	







Another account: --

1 lb. logwood Ext.  
40¢ Viterol  
3 lb. Madder  
2 spools Brown Bass  
(doz. #20 white (thread)  
1 paper needles #9  
1½ lb. allum.

Personal accounts of Wm. S. Purgit contained in the Diary.

John Hughes, debtor to Wm. S. Purgit  
To work from  
June 1st. to 15th. -----\$50.00  
July 7th. to Aug. 15th-----120.00

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John Hughes due me 300.\$ Jan. 1st., 1865  
John Hughes due me on the 7th. day of April, 1865 - 300.\$

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June 17, 1865, Rec'd of Jno. Hughes \$27.00  
Aug. 11           Rec'd of Jno. Hughes     5.00

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Letter with Jno. Hughes on the 27th. Dec. 1864 and he owes me  
354.\$ the first day of January 1864.

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Jno. Hughes to Mr. Wm. S. Purgit, Debtor  
To amount due on  
Quarter ending 31st. day of Dec. 1864 -----300.\$  
Due for 2nd. Quarter 31st. March                         300.  
   600.\$  
   100.  
   500.\$  
   Credit paid

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(It would seem that Mr. Purgits' salary was \$100.00 per month, which was  
a very good salary for that time.)

Other financial entries in diary

Feb. 9, 1865 Paid Col. Dayton with Int. -----\$49.06  
Paid Mrs. Davis 18.\$ for bord  
Paid to T. B. Davis Jan. 23, 1865

Chaplain Patterson, May 19, 1865 -----5.\$ cash

(Jno. Hughes was postmaster at New Creek Station from April 28, 1862  
to Aug. 28, 1867)

All references to New Creek, New Creek Station or New Creek Depot, refer  
to what is now Keyser, West Virginia. In 1865, the official name of this  
post office was New Creek Station, West Virginia.



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(John Hughes was postmaster at New Creek Station from April 28, 1962 to Aug. 28, 1967)

Chas. Patterson, May 12, 1962 --- \$ 2.00 cash

Paid to T. E. Davis Jan. 12, 1962  
Paid Mrs. Davis 18.5 for bond  
Total 1962 Paid Col. Gayton with Int. --- \$40.00

Other financial entries in diary

(It would seem that the Hughes' salary was \$100.00 per month, which was a very good salary for that time.)

Credit paid  
100.  
300.7

Due for 2nd. Quarter 300.7  
Quarter ending 31st. Dec. 1961 --- 300.7  
To amount due on

John Hughes to Mr. Wm. S. Fugate 1962

1962 \$ the first day of January 1962.

Letter with John Hughes on the 15th. Dec. 1961 and he owes me

Aug. 11 Rec'd of John Hughes 2.00

June 17, 1962 Rec'd of John Hughes 22.00

John Hughes due me on the 15th. day of April, 1962 = 300.7

John Hughes due me 300.7 Jan. 1st, 1962

July 7th. to Aug. 15th --- 120.00

June 1st. to 15th. --- 250.00

To work from

John Hughes Letter to Wm. S. Fugate

Personal accounts of Mr. S. Fugate contained in the diary.

1 lb. logwood bark  
40¢ Vaseline  
3 lb. Madder  
2 spoons Brown bass  
(box. 420 White (thru))  
1 paper needles 82  
1 lb. alum.

Another account: --



Copy of a Virginia Land Grant to Jacob Purget, Aug. 5, 1796

Robert Brooke, Esquire, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, TO ALL TO WHOM these presents shall come, GREETINGS: KNOW YE, That by virtue of a Land Office Treasury Warrent Number twenty-one housand and thirty issued the thirteenth day of December one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, there is granted by the said Commonwealth unto JACOB PURGET a certin tract or Parcel of Land, containing fifty acres of survey bearing date the second day of October, one thousand seven hundred and ninety four lying and being in the County of Hampshire, near the foot of Knobley Mountain adjoining his own and John Spencer's and bounded as followeth, to-wit:

Beginning at therr white oaks, corner to his own land, thence with his line reversed South 68 degrees East 60 poles to a white oak and hickory, another of his corners, thence with another of his lines, South 21 degrees and 30 minutes West 175 poles to two Hickories and a white oak on a level corner to said Purget and John Spencer, thence with Spencer's line North 74 degrees, West 36 poles to two red oaks and a white oak in said line North 14 degrees East 180 poles to the beginning, with its appurtenances:

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Tract or Parcel of Land with its Appurtenances, to the said JACOB PURGET and his heirs forever.

IN WITNESS whereof the said Robert Brooke, Esquire, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, hath here unto set his Hand, and caused the lesser Seal of the said Commonwealth to be affixed at Richmond on the fifth day of August in the year of our Lord, One Thousand SEven Hundred and Ninety-six and of the Commonwealth the twenty first.

Robert Brooke

(on back of Deed)

Jacob Purget hath title to the within.

Wm. Price, Re'd Off.

Jacob Purget, 50 acres, Hampshire, Examined, Recorded and Entered,

Book X page 259

Jacob Purget, 10 acres, Hampshire, Examined, Recorded and Entered,  
Book X page 260



Copy of a Virginia Land Grant to Jacob Furger, Aug. 3, 1793

Robert Brooke, Esquire, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING: KNOW YE, That in virtue of a Land Office Treasury Warrant bearing twenty-one hundred and thirty issued the thirtieth day of December one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, there is granted by the said Commonwealth unto JACOB FURGER a certain tract or parcel of land, containing fifty acres of survey bearing date the second day of October, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four lying and being in the County of Hampshire, near the foot of Knobly Mountain adjoining his own and John Spencer's and bounded as followeth, to-wit:

Beginning at their white oaks, corner to his own land, thence with his line bearing South 85 degrees East 50 poles to a white oak and Hickory, another of his corners, thence with another of his lines, South 31 degrees and 30 minutes West 175 poles to two Hickories and a white oak on a level corner to said Furger and John Spencer, thence with Spencer's line North 74 degrees West 38 poles to two red oaks and a white oak in said line North 14 degrees East 100 poles to the beginning, with its appurtenances.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said tract or parcel of land with its appurtenances, to the said JACOB FURGER and his heirs forever.

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Jacob Furger, 50 acres, Hampshire, examined, Recorded and Indexed.  
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## NOTES

Alkire, Judge Nimrod Alkire, born 4/13/1813 died 2/11/1901, father of Vance, Charles & Nimrod Alkire, owned several large farms, his home was at end of Armstrong Street Extended, now the American Legion Home. One time judge. He was wealthy and influential.

Vause ←

Apple Jack, Either apple brandy or more probably hard cider

Armstrong, E. M. - Col. Edward McCarty Armstrong, son of Wm. and Elizabeth Ann (McCarty) Armstrong, born at Romney, Va., about 1815, died at Salem, Va., where a street is named for him. Married (1st. wife) Hannah Pancake, b. 2/26/1819, d 8/3/1854. Wealthy, aristocratic merchant. His store was at the Northwest corner of Armstrong and Main Streets (the Coffman-Fisher Bldg.) and faced the B. & O. R.R. Crossing. Built in 1853, the brick mansion, which later was the home of Col. Thomas B. Davis, and which stood on the present site of the Keyser High School Bldg. He was a captain in the 77 Va. Militia. Impoverished by the war, he spent his latter days in aristocratic, genteel poverty at Salem, Va.. He was a delegate from Hampshire County to the Virginia Convention of Feb. 12, 1861, which voted to secede from the Union. Mr. Armstrong voted against the Ordinance of Secession.

Armstrong, Wm.

He was the father of Edward M. Armstrong, was wealthy and prominent socially and politically at Romney. He died in the Armstrong Mansion at Keyser. He was at one time Sheriff of Hampshire Co.

Birth Of A Son

Mr. Wm. S. Purgit had the following sons and daughters.

*Dalton Purgit*  
Wm. S. Purgit, Jr.  
Isaac Cassin Purgit b. 1853 d. 1/24/1934  
Edgar C. Purgit 1868-1951  
Nashville Sommerfield Purgit  
James S. Purgit, died a young man  
Martha Katherine Purgit, unmarried, d. 1935-40  
Minnie Purgit *and Maggie C. Purgit, died at Keyser, 1874 aged 7 yrs.*

Blockade -

Imposed by the Federal Army here. Only persons with passes issued by the Army could pass the picket line. Mr. Purgit was very helpful to his friends and neighbors in the Purgitsville area in obtaining such passes for them and in helping them get sugar, coffee and other contraband articles. He helped both Union and Confederate sympathizers.

Booth, John Wilkes - The murderer of Pres. Lincoln

Boys

- The sons of Wm. S. Purgit, see "Birth of a Son".



Boys

- The sons of Wm. J. Purgett, see Birth of a Son

Booth John Wilkes - The murderer of Pres. Lincoln

Blockade

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Martha Katherine Purgett, unmarried, b. 1895-40  
James S. Purgett, died a young man

Nashville Commercial Appeal

Editor C. Purgett (died 1921)

Isaac Cassin Purgett b. 1858 d. 1/25/1934

Mr. S. Purgett, Jr.

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was the home of Col. Thomas S. Davis, and which stood  
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(the Coffman-Flaherty Bldg.) and faced the N. & O. R.R.  
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d. 8/3/1934. Wealthy aristocratic merchant. His store  
located (last wife) Hannah Farnham, d. 2/25/1915  
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Dayton, Col. - Col. James H. Dayton, son of Rev. Roland Dayton of 21st. Bridge. He and his wife built the house, recently torn down, at the Southwest corner of Main & E. Piedmont Sts., in 1858-59. He was of the 4th. W. Va. Infantry and fought at Vicksburg.

Davis, Mrs. Martha A. - Sister of Wm. S. Purgit.

Davis, T. B. - Col. Thomas B. Davis, son of Caleb and Louise (Warfield) Davis of Baltimore. Early developer of Piedmont, W. Va. Banker, coal, lumber and real estate magnate, race horse owner and breeder, millionaire. Brother of Henry Gassaway Davis and brother-in-law of Senator Stephen Elkins, Member of Congress. Purchased the Armstrong Mansion and lived there until his death in 1911. Unmarried.

Davis, Mrs. - Mrs. Louise Davis, nee Warfield, mother of Thos. B. Davis, Henry Gassaway Davis and Mrs. Eliza Buxton. Mr. Wm. S. Purgit boarded with her at New Creek.

Elliott, Buck, A friend of Wm. S. Purgit.

Fort Fisher, ~~At Moorefield?~~ *a naval fortress on the coast of N. Carolina.*

Greenfield, Col. - Col. A. J. Greenfield of Washington, Pa. Cavalry. He was from Western Pennsylvania.

Haggerty, Geo. - Lived on a farm between Purgitsville and the South Branch of the Potomac, back near the river. He was the grandfather of Arnold Haggerty.

Harness - Member of the prominent Confederate family of Romney.

Harper's Monthly - An illustrated magazine.

Heiskell, Jno. R., of Romney

High's - A very numerous family of Purgitsville. Two of the High boys were hanged by Confederate Scouts near entrance of Shirley's Lane.

High, W. T. - Schoolteacher and surveyor of Purgitsville.

Hoffman, - Another numerous family of Purgitsville. Fred Hoffman was the grandfather of Dr. Thad "Buddy" Hoffman and Fred W. Hoffman, of Keyser.



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Ellis, Buck - A friend of Wm. S. Purdy.

Fort Fisher - At Rockwell's?

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Hill, W. T. - School teacher and surveyor of Purpissville.

Hoffman - Another numerous family of Purpissville. Fred Hoffman was the grandfather of Dr. T. B. Purdy. Hoffman and Fred W. Hoffman, of Keyser.



Hughes, Jno. - John H. Hughes b. 1834 d. 1904, Post Master at New Creek Station from April 28, 1862 to Aug. 28, 1867. His store during the Civil War was in the Armstrong Store Building at the Northwest corner of Armstrong and Main Streets, now the Coffman-Fisher Bldg.) The post office was in his store until March 27, 1865. Soon after the War he operated a pottery, where stone ware jars and jugs were made, at 213 N. Water St. Later he had a Glove and Mitten Factory here on Main St.

He was notoriously "bad pay" and "hard to get money out of". He built the brick house at 37 S. Main St., in 1867 and soon lost it. He went bankrupt.

He married Eliza Catherine Frye 1841-1917. Children were: Cora L. Hughes 1865-1927 and Nettie Hughes, 1869-1940, who married Mr. Carrier

Hughes, Mrs. Jno. had a baby 1/3/1965 - This was Cora L. Hughes. Mrs. Jno. Hughes was Eliza Catherine Frey 1841-1917, daughter of Jacob Frey 1864-1871 and Sarah Margaret Gaines 1820-1901. She was a good business woman and had a millinery shop at her home, N. Main St., where the Keyser Television Cable Co. office now is.

Hull, Mrs.- This is probably one of two Mrs. Hulls who lived near Ridgeville. Mrs. Amelia Hull, nee Liller, wife of Wm. N. Hull, or Mrs. Sarah Hull, nee Thrush, widow of Wm. M. Hull.

The Mrs. Hull mentioned in this diary evidently furnished meals and lodgings for travelers.

Kabrick, Jim, Lived near Ridgeville. He was a Methodist lay preacher.

Kate , A daughter of Wm. S. Purgit. She never married. After her father's death, she was postmistress at Purgitsville for many years, succeeding her father in that office. She died about 1940. Her full name was Martha Katherine Purget.

Leps, Geo. E.,- Conducted a general store on Patrick Street, on the present site of Burgess Feed Co.'s Store.

Markwood, Jack, - of Burlington-Ridgeville area. Lived at Markwood. Confederate soldier, Methodist lay preacher. His daughter, Mrs. George Shoemaker, now lives at 262 South Main Street, Keyser.

McDonald, A. W. II - the son of the celebrated Col. Angus W. McDonald and Leacy Ann Naylor, his wife, both of Romney, who were married Jan. 11, 1827, at Romney.

Angus W. McDonald, Sr., was a West Point graduate, wealthy and aristocratic. At one time, 1853-1857, the McDonalds owned and lived in the Old Stone House on Armstrong Street Extended, now owned by Mrs. C. O. Byrd. Col. Angus W. McDonald, Sr. lived at Romney, W. Va. Hannibal, Mo., New Creek Station, W. Va. and Winchester, Va.



Hannibal, Mo. New Creek Station, W. Va. and Winchester, Va.  
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Lucy Ann Kayler, his wife, born at Romney, who was  
-- the son of the celebrated Col. Angus W. McDonald and

main Street, Keyser.  
daughter, Mrs. George Shoemaker, now lives at 252 South  
Confederate soldier, Methodist lay preacher. His  
of Burlington-Ridgelyville near, lived at Hancock.

present site of Burgess Feed Co.'s Store.  
Conducted a general store on Patrick Street, on the

Laps, Geo. E.

Purgott.  
She died about 1940. Her full name was Martha Katherine  
for many years, succeeding her father in that office.  
her father's death. She was postmistress at Purgittsville  
A daughter of Mr. S. Purgitt. She never married. After

lived near Ridgelyville. He was a Methodist lay preacher.

Kayler, Jim

Mr. M. Hall.  
Wm. M. Hall, on West, Sarah Hall, nee Thomas, widow of  
Ridgelyville. Mrs. Annie Hall, nee Miller, wife of  
This is probably one of two Mrs. Halls who lived near

Hall, Mrs.

Cable Co. office now is.  
at her home, N. Main St., where the Kayser television  
she was a good business woman and had a willing shop  
Jacob Frey 1884-1871 and Sarah Hannah Gainer 1880-1901  
Hughes was Elizabeth Catherine Frey 1881-1917, daughter of  
had a baby 1/3/1885 - This was Cora L. Hughes, nee Mrs. Jno.

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John H. Hughes b. 1834 d. 1904, Post Master at New



- Mc. Niel, - Lt. Hanse McNiel, commander of the famous McNiel's Rangers
- Nash, - Nashville Summerfield Purgit, son of Wm. S. Purgit. His wife's name was Rachel Racey, both 1863.
- Pine Church - The Old Pine Brethern Church near Purgitsville, W. Va. No longer used for regular services. Built about 1800.
- Purgit, James S. - Son of Wm. S. Purgit. He died while a young man in his twenties. His leg was amputated without use of anesthetic, in the front yard of the Purgit homeplace at Purgitsville. The operation was done while he was held on a table by several men, without anesthetic.
- Stump, Capt. George, - Confederate Army, both 4/8/1821, died 2/5/1865, killed while on furlough at his home near Romney, while he visited his sick father. He was there captured and killed at his home by an irregular Union group of cavalrymen, known as Jessie's Scouts, commanded by Major Young.
- Statton, John W. A clergyman who was the brother of Mrs. Wm. S. Purgit. Lived in the West.
- Sulser - A family who lived near Purgitsville. Adam Sulser bought a lot on N. Church St., after the war.
- Wife - Mr. Purgit's wife was Arelliah Statton
- Sandy Hook - A small village in Washington County, Md. in the immediate vicinity of Harpers Ferry, W. Va. It is one mile east of Harpers Ferry on the Maryland side of the Potomac River.
- Trout H. - Henry Trout owned a farm at Ridgeville
- Trout, James - Merchant and politician of New Creek. Very active in organization of the State of West Virginia. A delegate from Hampshire County to the 2nd. Wheeling Convention.

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U. S. Soldiers Stationed at New Creek Station, W. Va. During the Civil War. According to the Report of Brigadier General Benjamin F. Kelley, U. S. Volunteers for Oct. 1861 - Company A, 1st. West Va. Cavalry (Kelley's Lancers) - Capt.

John L. McGee

Company H. 3rd. West Va. Inf. Capt. Henry C. Hagen

Company K. 4th. West Va. Inf. Capt. James H. Dayton

7th. West Va. Inf. Colonel James Evans

9 Companies, 8th. Ohio Inf. Col. Herman G. Deputy

The Ring gold Calvary (54 men) Capt. John Keys, later to be the Co. A. 22nd. Penna Cavalry.

One smoothbore 6-pounder cannon (10 men) under Ordinance Sergeant G. F. S. Nixon

In 1865, the Federal Troops stationed at New Creek Station were:

The 22nd. Penna Cavalry (Ring gold's)

Companies - D. E. F. G. H. I. K. L. and M.



Col. Niel

- Lt. James Niel, commander of the famous Niel's Rangers  
- Nashville, Tennessee, son of Mr. S. Pungit, his wife's  
name was Rachel Pungit, born 1855.

Pine Church

- The Old Pine Church near Pungitville, W. Va.  
no longer used for regular services, built about 1800.

Pungit, James S.

- Son of Mr. S. Pungit. He died while a young man in  
his twenties. His wife was Margaret without name  
anasthetist in the first year of the Pungit household at  
Pungitville. The operation was done while he was held  
on a table by several men without anasthetist.

Stump, Capt. George

- Confederate Army, born 1815/1820  
Killed while on the march at the battle of Gettysburg, while  
he visited his sick father. He was there captured and  
killed at his home by an irregular Union group of cavalry-  
men, known as James's Scouts, commanded by Major Young.

Stanton, John W.

- A physician who was the brother of Mrs. W. S. Pungit.  
lived in the West.

Sublet

- A family who lived in Pungitville. Adam Sublet bought  
a lot on A. Church St., near the river.

Wife

- Mr. Pungit's wife was a native of Scotland.

Sandy Hook

- A small village in Washington County, Md. in the immediate  
vicinity of Harper's Ferry, W. Va. It is one of the  
of Harper's Ferry on the Maryland side of the Potomac River.

Tabor H.

- Many years owned a farm at Pungitville.

Trout, James

- Merchant and politician of New Orleans. Very active in  
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Company K, 1st West Va. Inf. Capt. James H. Taylor  
7th West Va. Inf. Colonel James Evans  
9 Companies, 8th Ohio Inf. Col. Herman G. Beyer  
The King's Knight Cavalry (20 men) Capt. John Noyes, later to  
be the Col. A. Scott, 1st West Va. Cavalry  
One mounted 8-pound cannon (10 men) under Ordnance  
Sergeant C. F. St. John

In 1865, the Federal forces stationed at New Creek Station were:

The 1st West Va. Cavalry (Kelley's)  
Companies - D, E, F, G, H, I, K, L, M, and N.



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